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OBOPUS/VALUABLE HTNEIGH Financial Support

1. Generally speaking discussion of finance is a touchy subject best kept within the confines of the family, but, with economy the watchword, OBOPUS in Athens is going on the assumption the subject is on the table for general discussion and close scrutiny and our comments are welcome by Headquarters. Therefore, we are raising the well known fact that KUBARK has been carrying the entire financial load on HTNEIGH for over four years and we do not believe this is a healthy situation. There may be some understanding on this with which we are unaware, but, if this is not the case, there is no time like the present to bring up the matter. In our opinion lack of financial support to this jointly sponsored activity on the part of VALUABLE not only raises the amount of our outlay, but also dilutes to some extent VALUABLE's sense of responsibility for its success and engenders consideration on their part of HTNEIGH as a KUBARK creation which has a pipeline into the U. S. Treasury. Obviously no worries about paying the piper as long as KUBARK continues to carry the load.

2. In view of the above OBOPUS [ ] suggests that in the event the backers continue this joint sponsorship of HTNEIGH (assuming a mutually satisfactory outcome on reorganization) that careful consideration be given to requesting JAVELIN financial support to this undertaking. It is realized, of course, that financial participation will bring problems but we feel that the advantages to be gained will far outweigh the disadvantages inherent in the existing situation. So that there will be no misunderstanding on our viewpoint and to make it clear we are not thinking in terms of joint financial support of actual agent operations, the following is suggested. KUBARK authorities would approach the proper JAVELIN officials and inquire if the latter would consider an annual contribution to the funds used for Executive and General Committee salaries and for salaries of HTNEIGH members who work on P/W assignments. A contribution to the camp in Italy could also be proposed, if this refugee center comes into being. We have no means of knowing what sort of reaction would be obtained or the size of any contribution that would be forthcoming, but we are serious in suggesting the precedent be set. If this is not the case, we are very much concerned that funds that we feel should go to the support of HTNEIGH may end up

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supporting the professor wing of the XNMALEDICTS, if that group finds itself on the outside. For example, [ ] has already advised us VALUABLE will undoubtedly support [ ] on the basis of past services rendered, if he is dropped from the HTGRUBBY staff. Obviously there is no way KUBARK can tell JAVELIN how to spend their funds, but, if some expenditure is channeled to HTNEIGH, it follows their budget for supporting RMWAAHOOS on the outside is smaller. Though the writer was recently treated to several lectures by RNLUMPIT in Rome on the evils of dollar diplomacy, I would like to state that this short dispatch is not a tail twisting act but a serious recommendation which I feel is in our best interests.

3. Headquarters' and [ ] reaction would be appreciated.

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